



—Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Church are spending some time at their new home in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

—Mr. Hugh Church will visit relatives at Dozier and Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and friends at London, Ontario, and then return to Halifax, Nova Scotia, where he teaches English in a Senior High School.

—Miss Susan Church is vacationing for two weeks visiting friends in Wisconsin and relatives in Dozier and Tuscaloosa, Alabama. She will attend a University of Alabama football game while there. She is employed by Security Trust Co., of Rochester New York.

—Mrs. Marianne Scoins and son, Brent of Batavia, were guests of her parents Thursday and Friday and with Roberta Meyn, were Thursday dinner guests of her aunt, Doris Church. A small family party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Meyn in honor of Brent's third birthday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Merle Matteson of Whitesville and Mrs. Truman Burrell of Hallsport, called on Miss Mary Lee Saturday evening.

—Mr. and Mrs. Roland Kemp and Anne have returned from Cazanovia, N. Y., where they were chairmen of the 25th Annual H. H. Franklin Meet. There were 77 antique Franklin cars in attendance.

—Mr. Larry Burdick of Buffalo New York, called on Mrs. Evelyn Lynton, Thursday morning.

—Mrs. Charles Burdick of Belmont, New York, called on Mrs. Evelyn Lynton one day last week.

—Scott Baxter was a guest of the Rev. Naemeth family of Horseheads, at their camp on Joe Mary Lake in Maine, and returned home August 20 by motorcycle.

—Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Vars of Loveland, Colorado, were greeting Andover friends Tuesday. They are house guests at the home of Mrs. brother and family Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Vars.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Vars accompanied their daughter Mrs. Dianne Bolander to the Airport Saturday enroute to her home in Ashland, Wis.

—Kenneth Baxter returned to plane Sunday from a ten day vacation in North Carolina. The Rev. and Mrs. John Baxter met him at the Chemung Airport at Big Flats.

—Mrs. Clara Norris returned home Friday, August 25, from Colorado where she was visiting at the home of her daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Borr at Littleton and her granddaughter, Miss Linda Mulconery at Denver.

—Mrs. Julia Coats was at the home of her sister, Mrs. Gerald Mullen, of Greenwood Hill Tuesday. Mrs. Mullen is convalescing from pneumonia.

—Mrs. Claire Backus has received a card with a scenic view of Leningrad, Russia, reporting that Dr. James Lynch of Los Angeles, Calif. was sailing and touring Holland, Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia. He was accompanied by his brother, Kevin Lynch and sister, Mrs. Geraldine Callahan.

—The Rev. and Mrs. Ray Mendenhall, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Andover, left Monday for a two weeks vacation, visiting their daughter and family in Frankfurt, and another daughter in Montour Falls.

—Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Kemp returned to their home on Dyke St., Friday following a two week motor trip visiting interesting areas in the Finger Lakes Region.

—Mrs. Paula Gieslinski of Oldwick, N. J. arrived at the home of her daughter and family, Rev. and Mrs. John Baxter, Wednesday. Her grandson, Scott, who has been visiting his grandmother, accompanied her to Andover.

—The Alfred Sun and Tom Ethel publishing a feature picture this week of a large concrete sign at the main entrance of the Campus which distinguishes the Alfred State College Campus from the Alfred University Campus.

### C of C Tree Sale To End Sept. 1st

The Andover Chamber of Commerce will take order for shade trees for Fall planting within the Village, until September 1, 1978. Available to plant at this time will be a choice of Emerald Queen Norway Maple, Crimson King Maple, Green Ash and Honey Locust.

The C of C is making these trees available at a cost of \$15.00 per tree, which includes tree stakes wrapping and all material and labor necessary. The Jaycees will assist the Village workers and the C of C with the planting project. To place your order call the Andover Village Office 478-8455\* by September 1, 1978. Planting will begin about October 15.

### Andover U. Methodist Church Sunday School To Resume Sunday, Sept. 24

Sunday School will be resumed at the United Methodist Church in Andover, on Sunday, September 24, at 10 A. M.

There will be classes for all age groups — Nursery through Adults. Any children, youth, and adults are cordially invited to attend these classes.

The Sunday School staff is complete except for an upper elementary teacher and substitutes, and we hope to have them by the time Sunday School is convened. We are looking for volunteers, and they may contact Doris Church, chairperson of Christian Education (478-8724), or Rev. A. Howard Gabriel (478-8056).

The Pin and Bar system of attendance awards will be continued and the rules of it will be reviewed later. Plan to be present on Sunday morning, September 24, at 10.

Parents are reminded of the old but true saying: "As the twig is bent, so grows the tree." Dr. William Lyon Phelps, Yale's most famous English professor once said, "A knowledge of the Bible without a college course is more valuable than a college course without the Bible. You can learn more about human nature by learning from the Bible than by living in New York." Christian education is the most important of all kinds of education.

### Maple Twig Notice

The Maple Twig will meet at the home of Orpha Herr Tuesday, September 12 at 7 p. m.

Anyone interested in joining the Jones Memorial Hospital Auxiliary is welcome to attend.

For information or a ride, contact Linda Smith 478-8530.

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Mrs. Alice Joyce, a patient in Jones Memorial Hospital, was discharged Friday.

Jean Lynch, patient in St. James Mercy Hospital, was discharged Saturday.

Sandra Horan was admitted to St. James Mercy Hospital, Monday.

Heather Cook, a patient in Jones Memorial Hospital was discharged Saturday.

Mrs. Anna Mullen of Greenwood Hill, a medical patient in St. James Mercy Hospital, returned to her home, Monday.

Mrs. Donald Neeley, a medical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital, was discharged Monday.

Mrs. Shirley Cornelius, a patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital, has been discharged.

Mrs. Carroll Ruger was admitted to the Jones Memorial Hospital Monday as a medical patient.

Mrs. Anne Childs, a medical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital, returned to her home Monday.

### I.O.O.B. Roadrunners

I.O.O.B. Members — Due to the Holiday, our next meeting will be held at 2 p. m., on Sunday, Sept 10th.

Let's have a good crowd.

### Appreciation

I would like to express my appreciation to my niece, Mrs. Ruth Childs and my great-nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. William G. Childs and children, Lisa and Cary of Riverview Heights, Wellsville, New York, for making my 92nd birthday, August 22, such a wonderful occasion.

Also to my great-nephew for bringing Paul Childs over in his wheelchair to my home and helping me into my wheelchair from my bed for half an hour.

Deep appreciation for all the other cards and gifts I received.

A special thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Lyke of Hornell, New York for the lovely roses.

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## CONSERVATION COMMENTS

By Paul M. Kelsey

### SNAKES

This morning we got a call from the hospital emergency room asking if someone would identify a snake which had just bitten a girl. It seems that three snakes had taken up residence in the village swimming pool. A staff member had been nipped on her finger while she was in the process of evicting one of them. The identification they wanted wasn't the species, but simply whether or not it was poisonous, so they would know how to treat the wound.

This one turned out to be a water snake, not a poisonous snake, but one with a rather disagreeable disposition. The swimming pool was a dug pool with a natural shoreline located only a couple of rods from a stream. It was perfectly natural that the snakes invaded the pool which had an abundance of frogs.

The second question we inevitably get from a homeowner is how to get rid of them.

It makes no difference what type of animal you are concerned with, it will be most common where food and cover do not meet its requirements. Around homes the best snake control is simply to clean up all the trash so that there are no old boards, or rock piles for concealment.

Through more than half of New York, the question "Is it poisonous?" is easy to answer. Happily the answer is No. Of the 18 species of snakes found in the state only three are poisonous. Because of their habitat requirements, they are not generally found in close proximity to man.

The pygmy rattler, or massasauga, is generally restricted to the Cicero and Bergen Swamps, so is seldom seen except by persons specifically looking for them. The copperhead and timber rattler are found in areas where rocky ridges with deep cracks and crevices in the rocks, and rock piles offer them good shelter. This keeps them in the parts of their range

which are less inhabited by humans. Both are found in the Catskills, with the rattler extending westward along the Southern Tier primarily south of the Susquehanna and Chemung Rivers, and northward up the Hudson Valley and east of Lake George.

These poisonous snakes are thicker bodied than the nonpoisonous snakes of the state. The base of their heads are broader, giving their heads a triangular appearance, which in turn makes their neck look more like a neck slim-headed and nonpoisonous ought to look. In the slim-bodied snakes, the head and body blend to gether without the conspicuous triangular head.

In hand, there are several other characteristics which can be checked. The eye of poisonous snakes has a vertical pupil — like a cat's eye in daylight. A nonpoisonous snake has a round pupil. The belly scales of all snakes extend all the way across the body. The scales behind the vent, or under the tail of a poisonous snake also extend all the way across, while those of the nonpoisonous snake extend only half-way across, forming a zigzag line down the center of the underside of the tail.

The snake we are most often called upon to identify is the milk snake, one of our most beneficial snakes. Studies have revealed that about 70 percent of a grown milk snake's diet consists of meadow mice. Its appearance around barns is not to suck milk from cows, as alleged, but to catch mice. The milk snake — alias house snake chain snake, spotted adder, checkered adder or red king snake, to mention just a few of its common names — is readily identified by the black checkered spots on its white belly and the reddish-brown spots rimmed with black on its back. It will put on a good show of threatening, striking and vibrating its tail, so it is often mistaken for a copperhead, in spite of the lack of resemblance.

### Notice

All Hunting Licenses will go on sale Friday, August 18th.

Deer Party Permits have to be in by September 11th.

GLADYS FOX, Town Clerk

### Dates Claimed:

Wednesday, Sept. 13 — UMW Baked Ham Dinner.

Sunday, Oct. 15 — Presbyterian Harvest Dinner.

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### Legion Auxiliary To Meet Tuesday, September 5th

The regular meeting of Lynch, Burget Post No. 397, American Legion Auxiliary, will be held on Tuesday, September 5th — the first meeting of Fall Sessions.

Preceding the business meeting, we will meet at Ernida's for a 6:30 p. m., luncheon.

Dues will be accepted at this meeting.

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Please — All Members plan to attend.

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